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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

COMMERCE UPDATE

This memorandum is to update you on recent developments with the City of Commerce contract.

On July 10, 2002, we provided a revised offer to the City of Commerce for the continued provision of fire protection services to the City. This offer, if accepted, would save the City a substantial amount and is competitive with the Montebello proposal.

While the City has not responded to our latest offer, the City has scheduled the approval of a contract with the City of Montebello for fire services for its Council meeting this evening. This important issue was placed on the Commerce Council agenda without any prior notification to us. For whatever reason, it appears that the City is trying to "fast track" the approval process of their contract. If the contract is approved tonight, any need for further discussion on this important issue in an open Council meeting would be eliminated. I plan to attend tonight's meeting to urge the Council to consider the District's latest offer prior to taking any action on a proposed contract with Montebello for fire service.

I will continue to keep you informed on developments as they occur. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (323) 881-2401.

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